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## THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR

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TO FACE THE  
BEYONDER--  
*ALONE!*







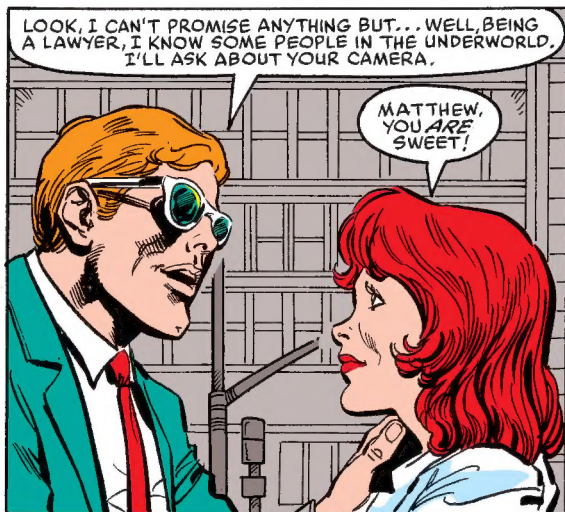
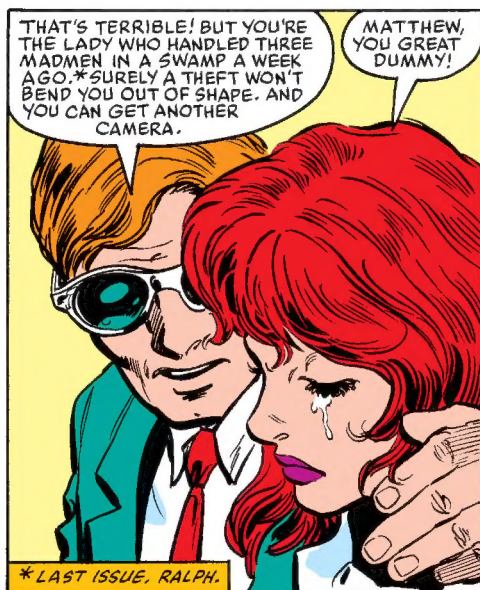
# "THE PRICE"

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AT THAT MOMENT, SOMEWHERE ABOVE NORTH AMERICA, A SEEMINGLY HUMAN FIGURE DRIFTS.

HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL BEING HUMANITY HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED. HE COMES FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE TO WHICH OUR OWN IS AS A DROP OF WATER TO THE OCEAN. THERE, HE WAS *ALL*, THE SUM TOTAL OF EXISTENCE-- ALONE, COMPLETE, AND CONTENT--

--UNTIL AN UNKNOWN EVENT OF COSMIC MAGNITUDE IN OUR UNIVERSE OPENED A PINHOLE INTO HIS BEYOND-REALM AND HE GLIMPSED THE EARTH. HE WAS INTRIGUED--MOST OF ALL, BY A THING UNKNOWN TO HIM, CALLED *DESIRE*.

HE HAS COME TO EARTH AND ASSUMED HUMAN FORM TO *STUDY* THIS THING, *DESIRE*--TO EXPERIENCE IT, AND ITS FULFILLMENT.

SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL UPON EARTH, HE LEARNED THE *DESIRE* FOR POSSESSIONS AND POWER. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE SEIZED ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF THE PLANET AND EVERYTHING ON IT, MERELY BY FORCE OF WILL.

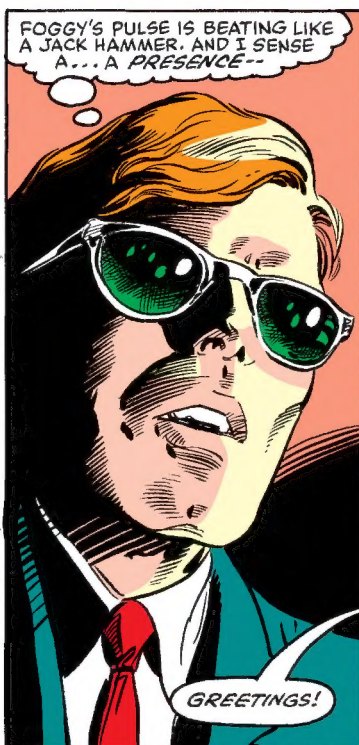
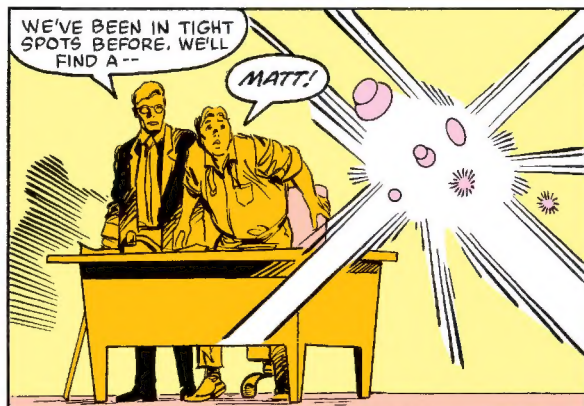
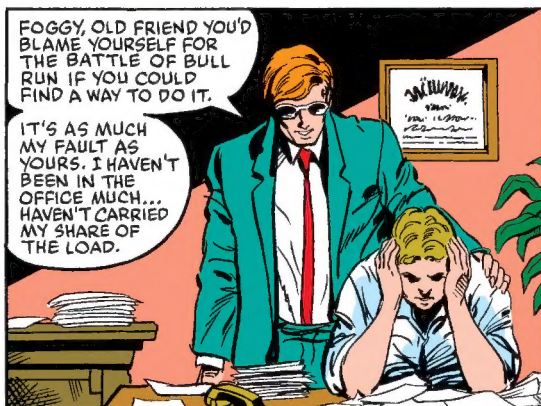
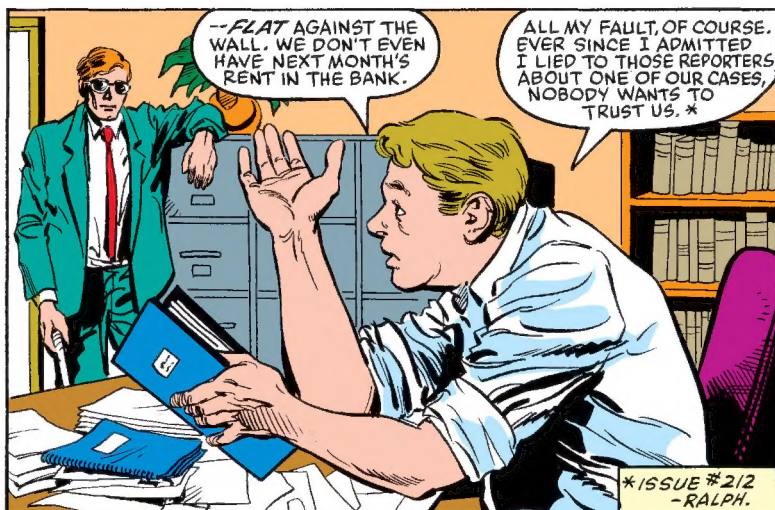
THE RESULTS WERE UNSATISFYING.

CONCLUDING THAT PERHAPS, FULFILLMENT MIGHT LAY IN THE TRYING RATHER THAN THE DOING, HE HAS DEVISED ANOTHER PLAN. MOMENTS AGO, HE RETREATED HERE TO PONDER IT IN SOLITUDE.

NOW, HE HAS DECIDED THAT, INDEED, HIS NEW COURSE IS GOOD. HE WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. THE FIRST STEP--RETAIN THE SERVICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.



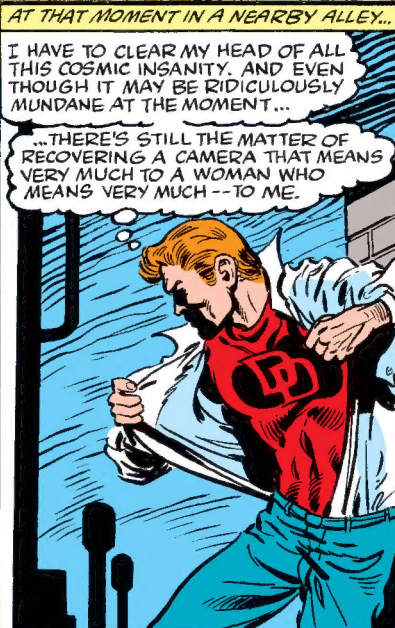
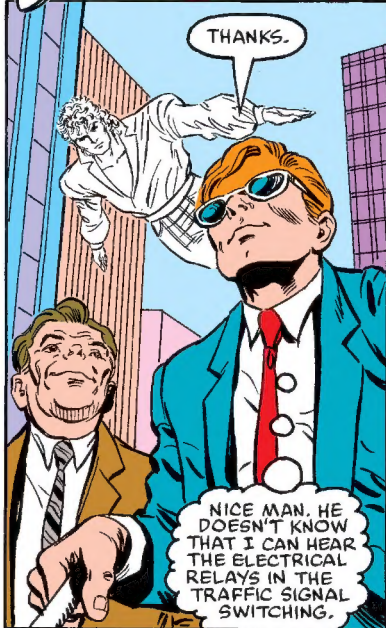
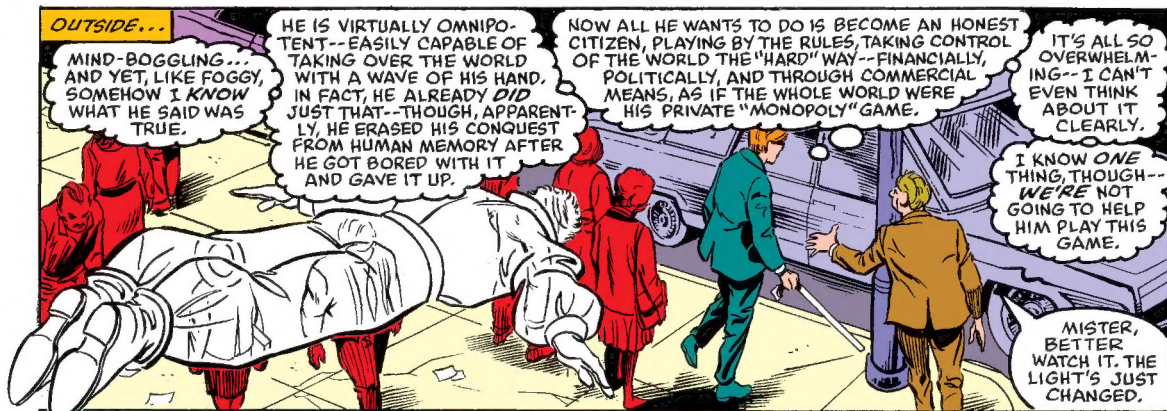




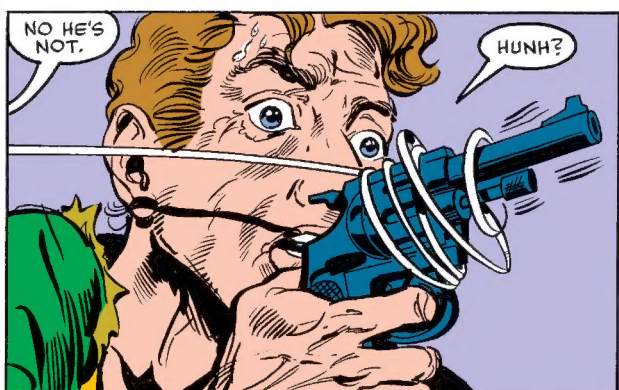
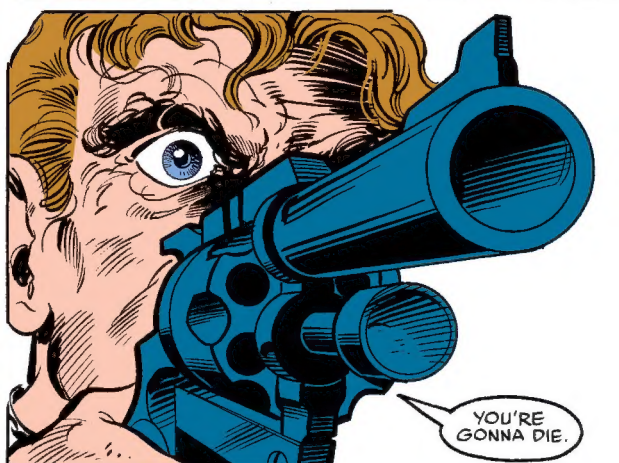
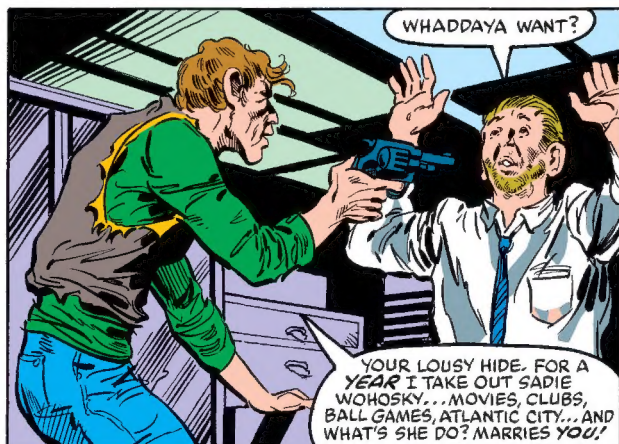




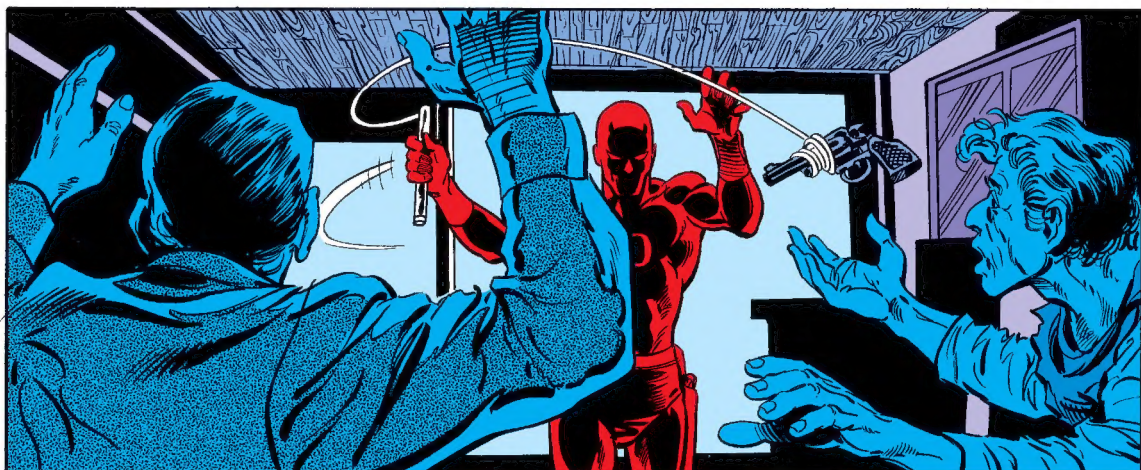




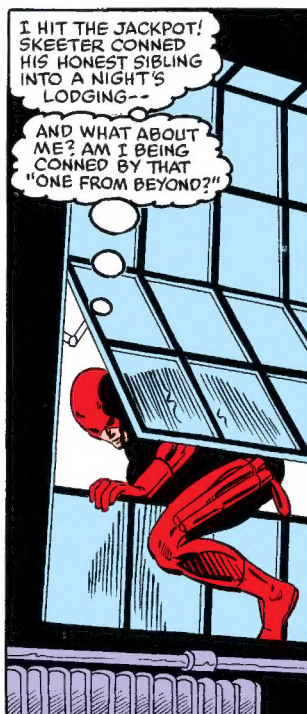
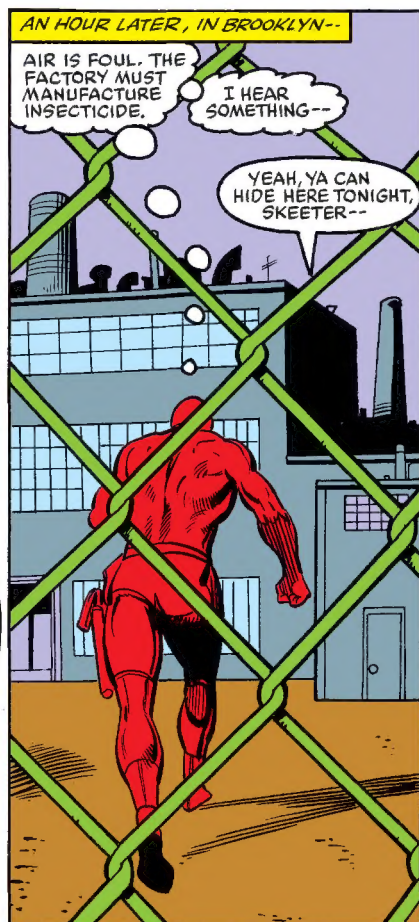
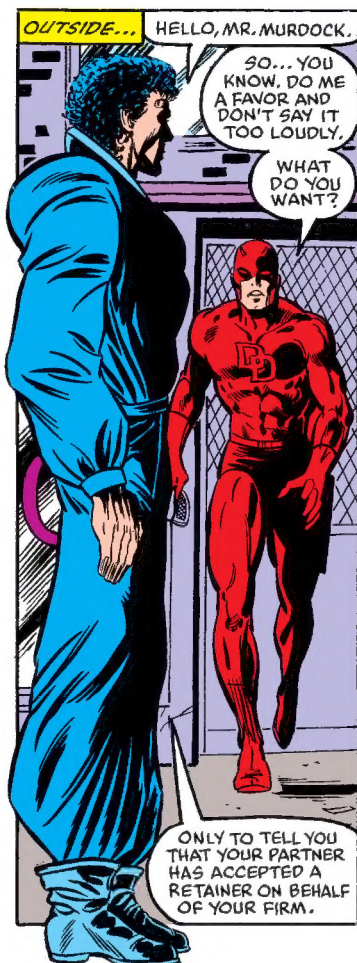




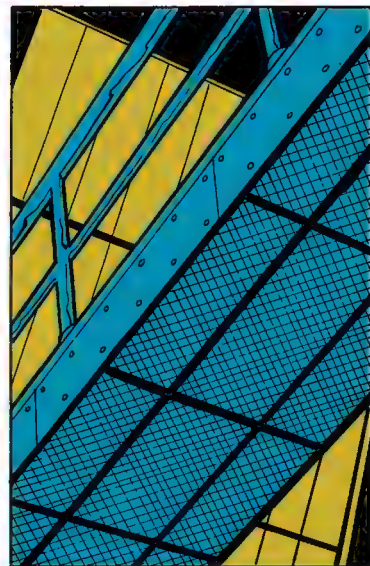
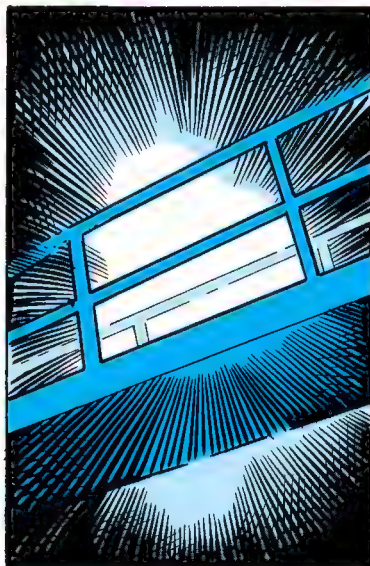




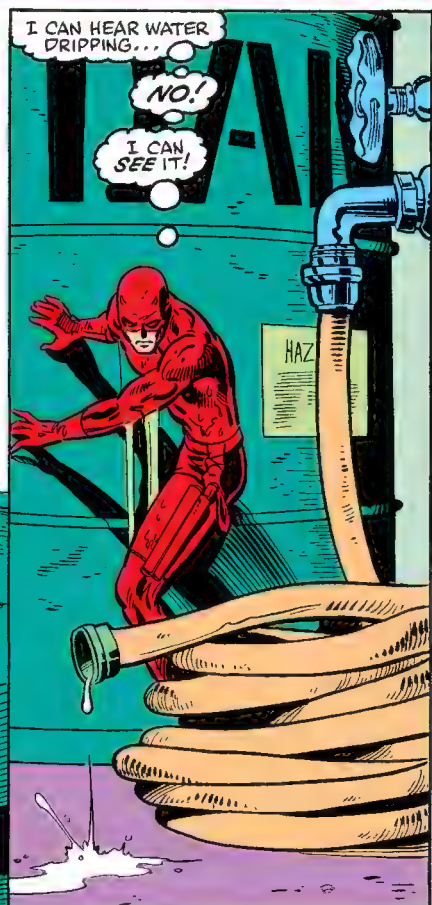
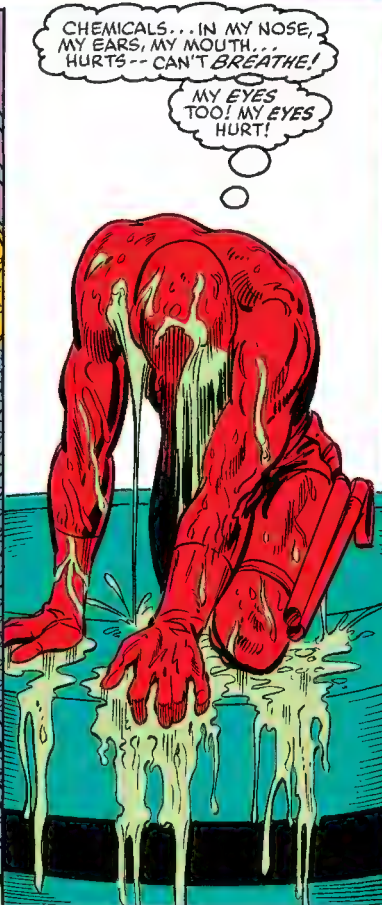
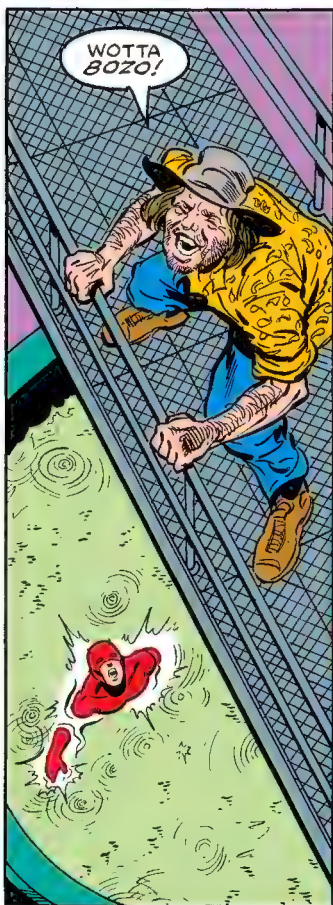




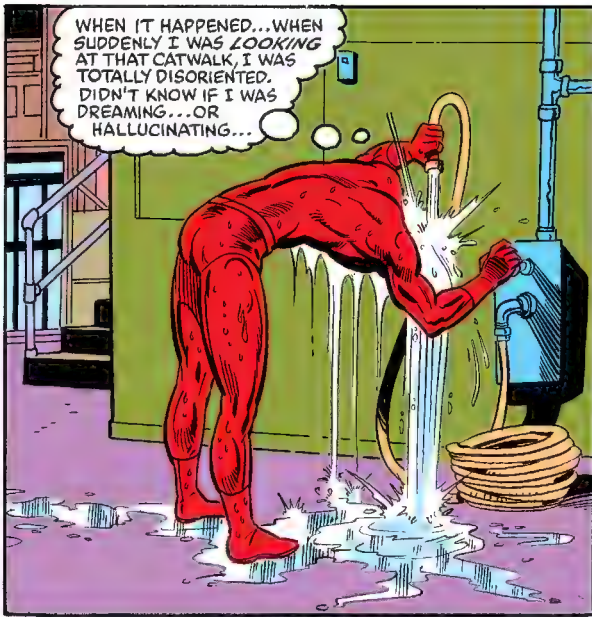










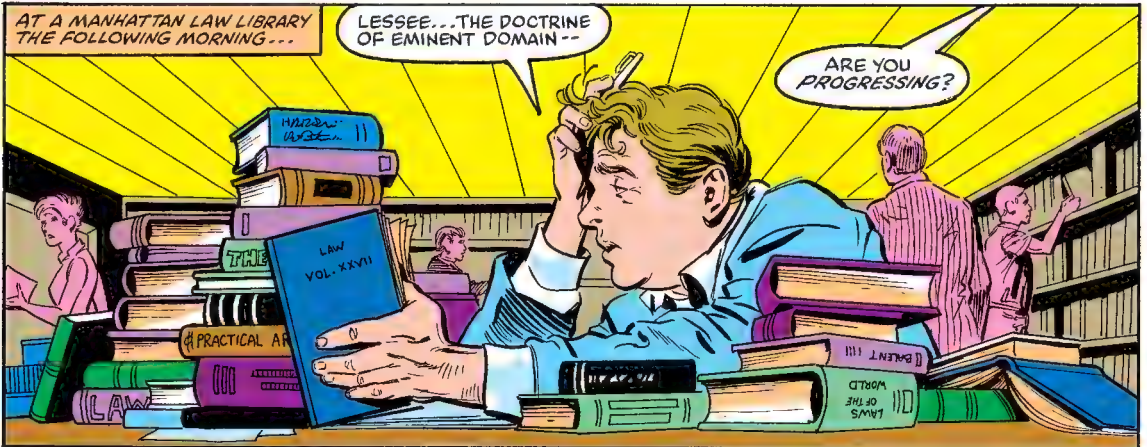


WHEN IT HAPPENED...WHEN  
SUDDENLY I WAS LOOKING  
AT THAT CATWALK, I WAS  
TOTALLY DISORIENTED.  
DIDN'T KNOW IF I WAS  
DREAMING...OR  
HALLUCINATING...



BUT I'M NOT!  
I CAN SEE!

THIS MUST BE THE  
DOING OF THE "ONE  
FROM BEYOND"---  
HIS IDEA OF  
PAYMENT!



AT A MANHATTAN LAW LIBRARY  
THE FOLLOWING MORNING---

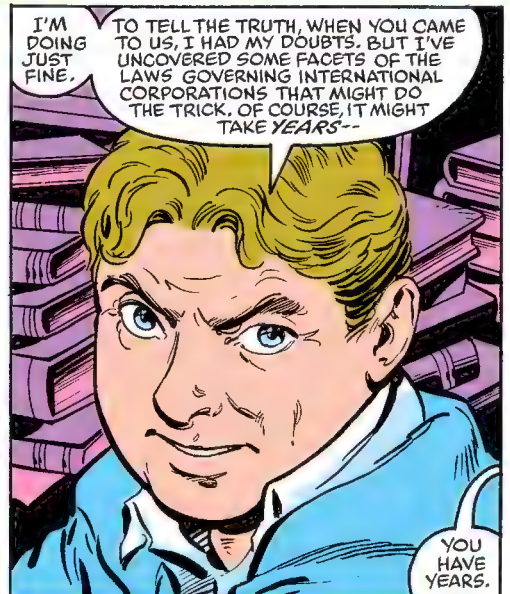
LESSEE...THE DOCTRINE  
OF EMINENT DOMAIN--

ARE YOU  
PROGRESSING?



MR. BEYOND--?  
I DIDN'T HEAR  
YOU COME IN.

THAT IS BECAUSE  
I DIDN'T.



I'M  
DOING  
JUST  
FINE.

TO TELL THE TRUTH, WHEN YOU CAME  
TO US, I HAD MY DOUBTS. BUT I'VE  
UNCOVERED SOME FACETS OF THE  
LAWS GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL  
CORPORATIONS THAT MIGHT DO  
THE TRICK. OF COURSE, IT MIGHT  
TAKE YEARS--

YOU  
HAVE  
YEARS.

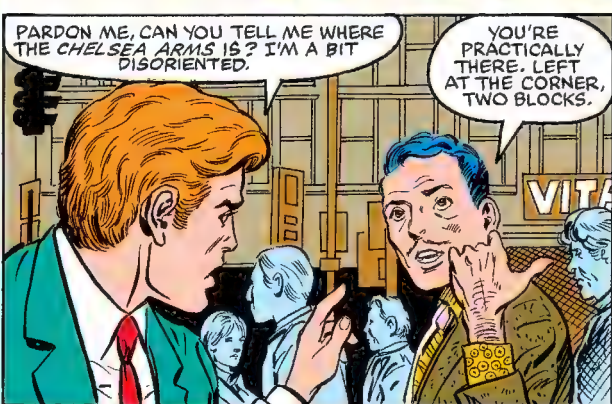
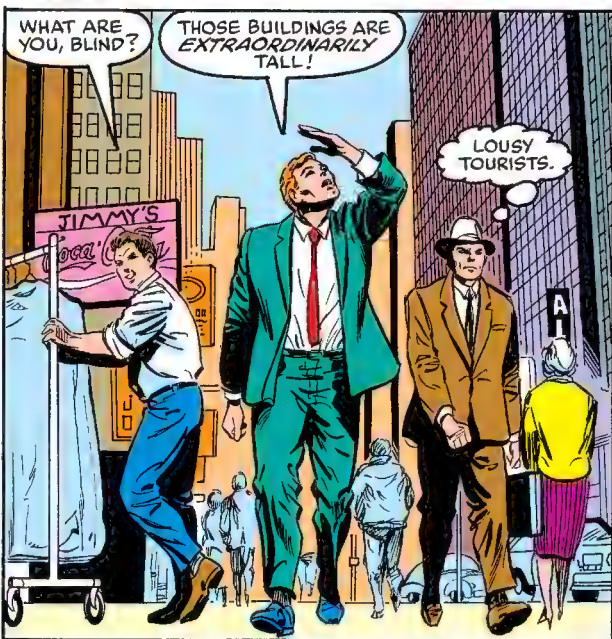


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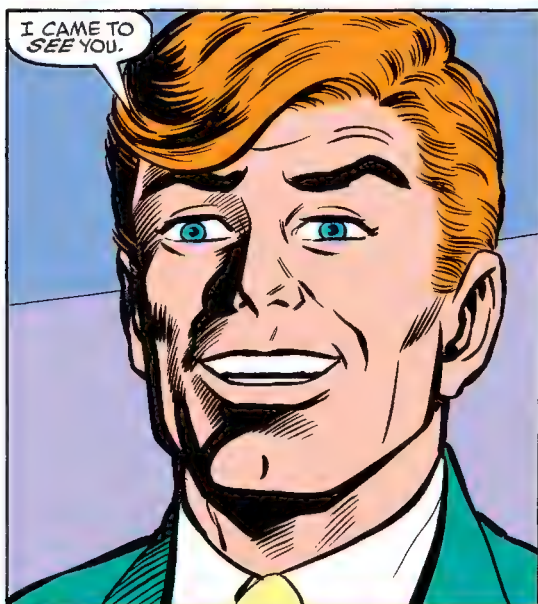
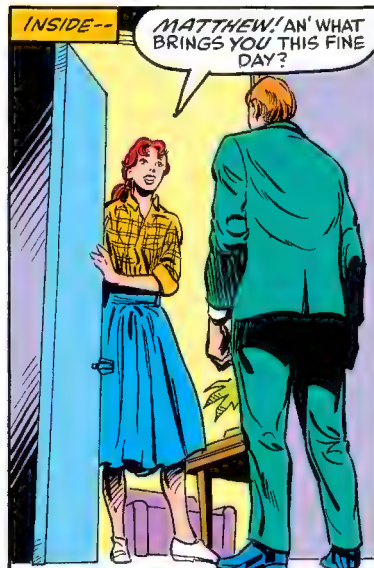
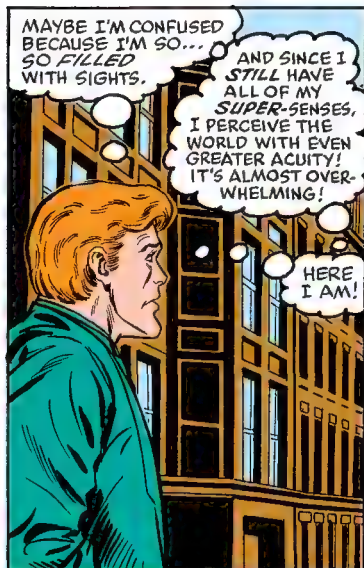
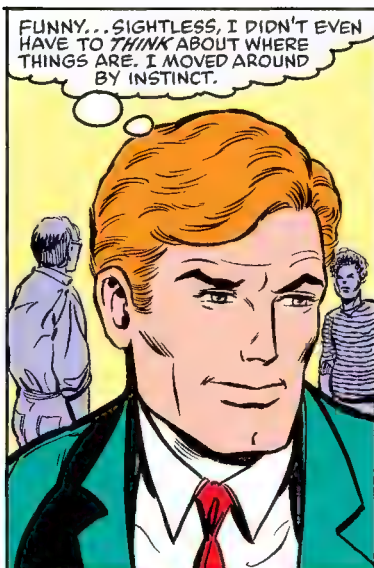
MISTER, YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT MY KID FOR FIVE MINUTES. IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU?

UH, NO. NO THANK YOU.

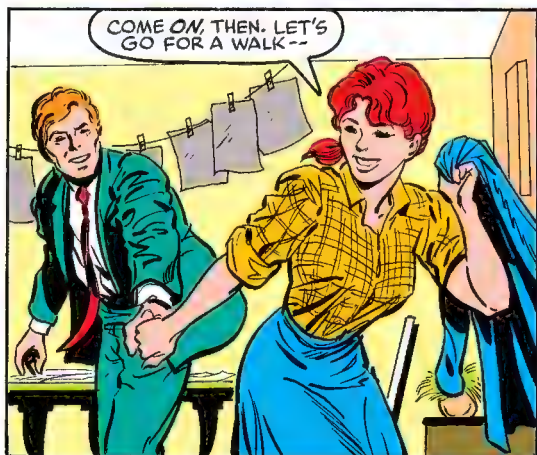
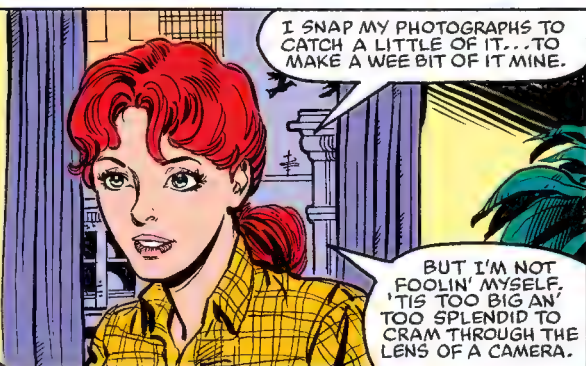
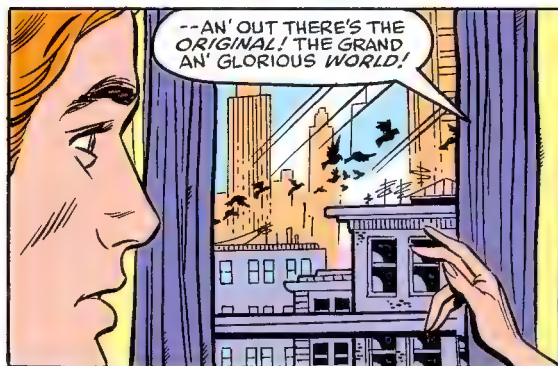
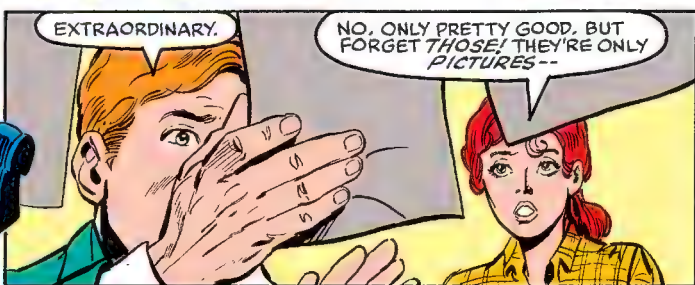
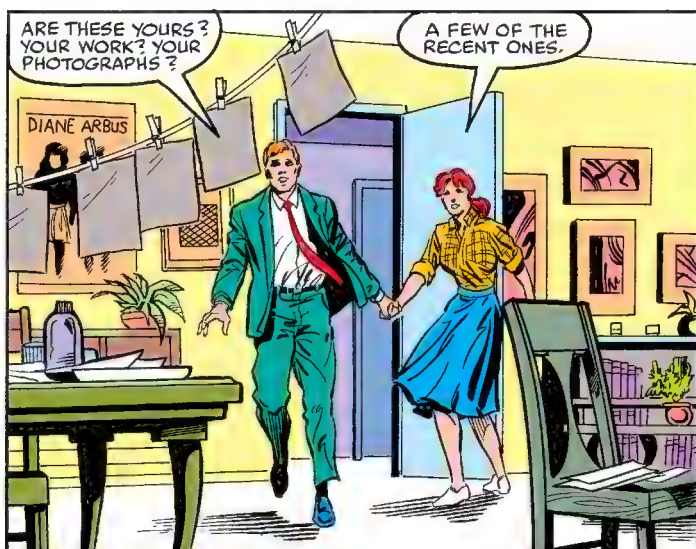
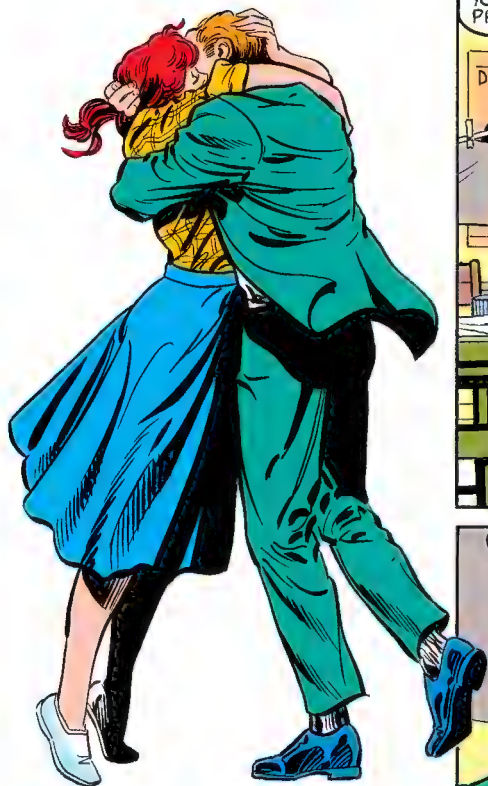
A BABY. WOW.



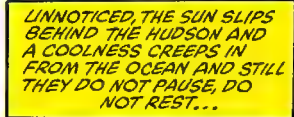
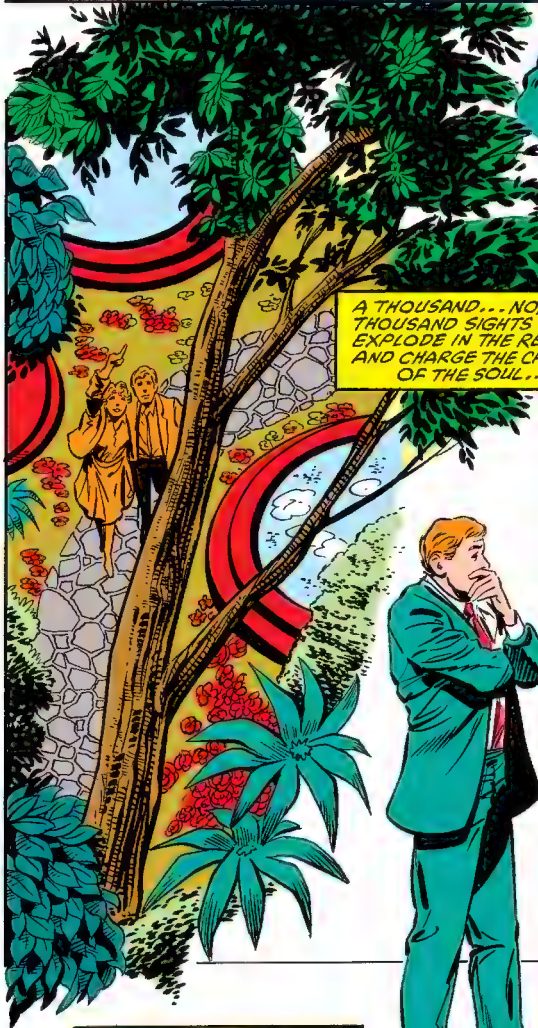
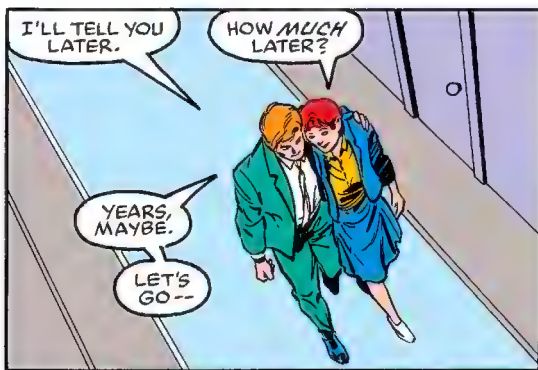
















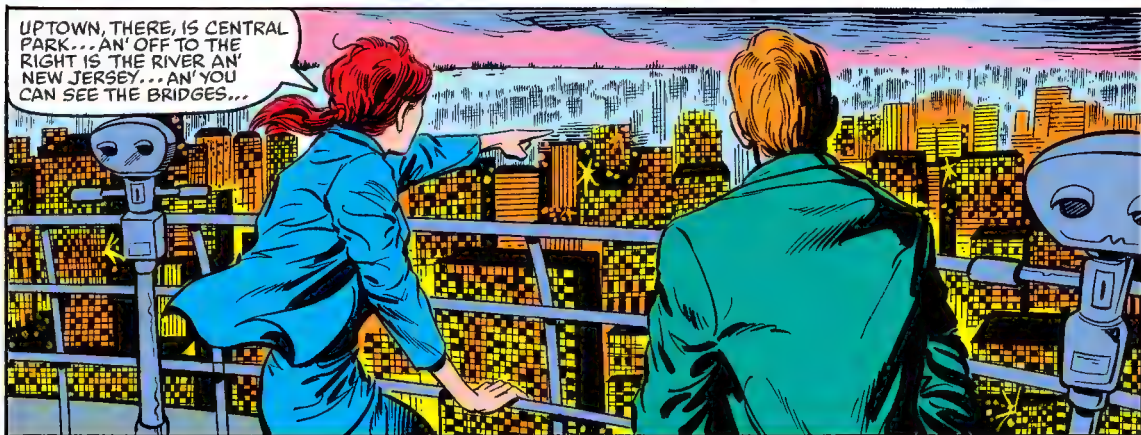
UNTIL--

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME NOW?

TO THE MOST TOURISTY PLACE OF ALL--



"--THE TOP OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING."



UPTOWN, THERE, IS CENTRAL PARK... AN' OFF TO THE RIGHT IS THE RIVER AN' NEW JERSEY... AN' YOU CAN SEE THE BRIDGES...



MATTHEW, YOU'RE WEEPIN'. WHAT'S WRONG?

I'M NOT SURE...



I GREW UP IN HELL'S KITCHEN... AT THE TIME, ONE OF THE NASTIEST AREAS IN THE CITY. NEVER GOT OUT OF IT, REALLY... NEVER REALLY SAW ANYTHING BUT FILTHY STREETS AND CRUMBLING BUILDINGS...

I LOST MY SIGHT WHEN I WAS BARELY INTO MY TEENS.

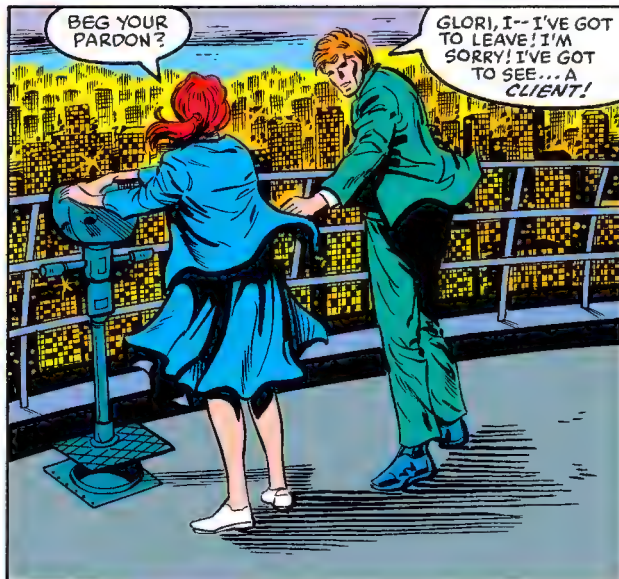


I GUESS I'D FORGOTTEN THE LITTLE OF BEAUTY I'D EXPERIENCED, AND I HAD NO IDEA THERE WAS SO MUCH MORE.

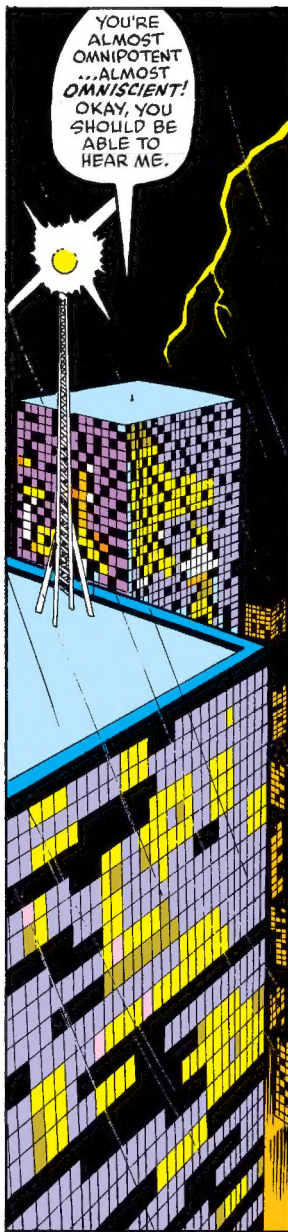
SO MUCH, GLORIANNA... SO MUCH BEAUTY.

EVERYTHING-- SO BEAUTIFUL.

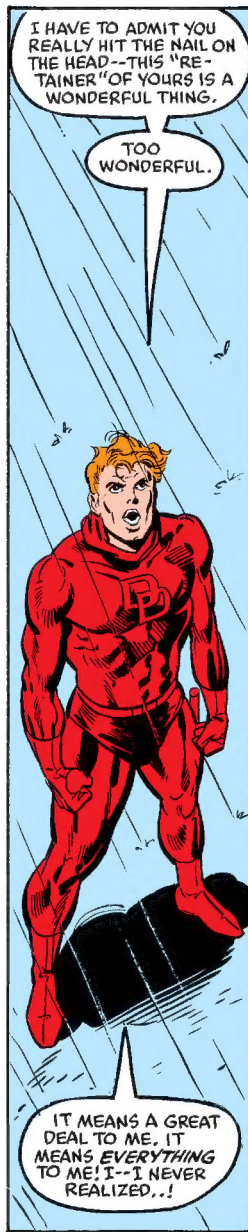








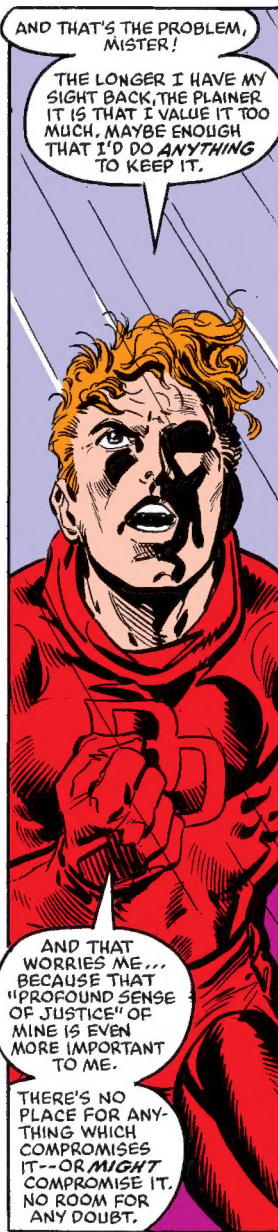
YOU'RE ALMOST OMnipotent...ALMOST OMNISCIENT! OKAY, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HEAR ME.



I HAVE TO ADMIT YOU REALLY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD--THIS "RE-TAINER" OF YOURS IS A WONDERFUL THING.

TOO WONDERFUL.

IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL TO ME. IT MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME! I--I NEVER REALIZED...!

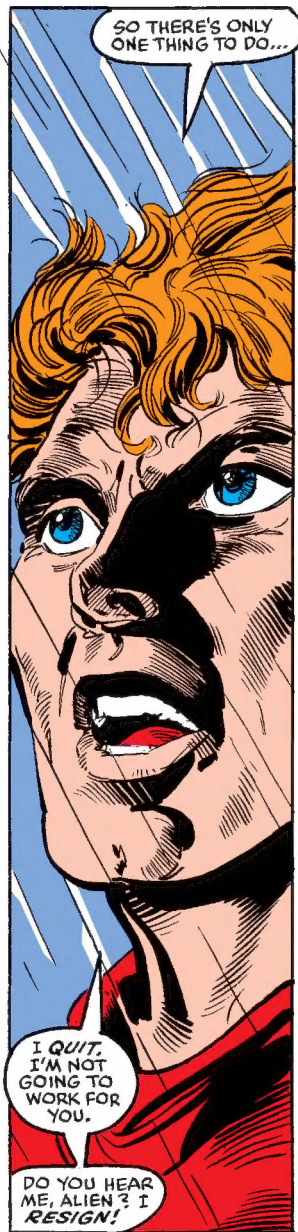


AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM, MISTER!

THE LONGER I HAVE MY SIGHT BACK, THE PLAINER IT IS THAT I VALUE IT TOO MUCH, MAYBE ENOUGH THAT I'D DO ANYTHING TO KEEP IT.

AND THAT WORRIES ME... BECAUSE THAT "PROFOUND SENSE OF JUSTICE" OF MINE IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO ME.

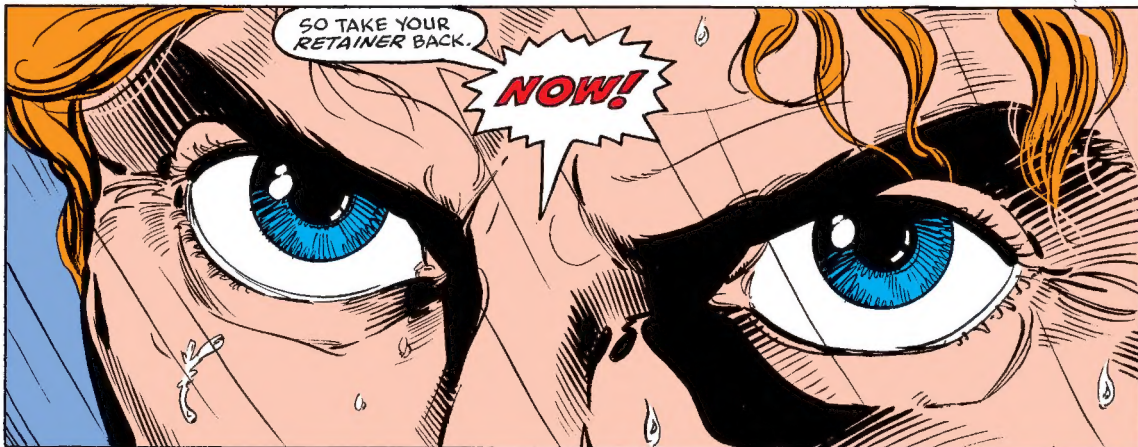
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR ANYTHING WHICH COMPROMISES IT--OR MIGHT COMPROMISE IT. NO ROOM FOR ANY DOUBT.



SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

I QUIT. I'M NOT GOING TO WORK FOR YOU.

DO YOU HEAR ME, ALIEN? I RESIGN!



SO TAKE YOUR RETAINER BACK.

**NOW!**

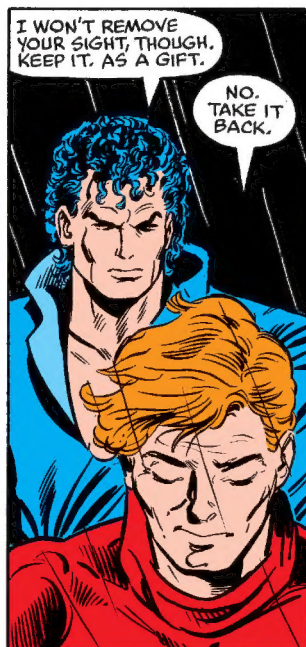




YOU DESIRE SIGHT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. AND YET, YOU WILL NOT HAVE IT IF IT CASTS THE SLIGHTEST SHADOW OF SELF-DOUBT UPON YOUR INTEGRITY...

RIGHT.

VERY WELL. I CAN SENSE THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN ARGUING. YOU ARE RELIEVED OF YOUR OBLIGATION TO ME.



I WON'T REMOVE YOUR SIGHT, THOUGH. KEEP IT. AS A GIFT.

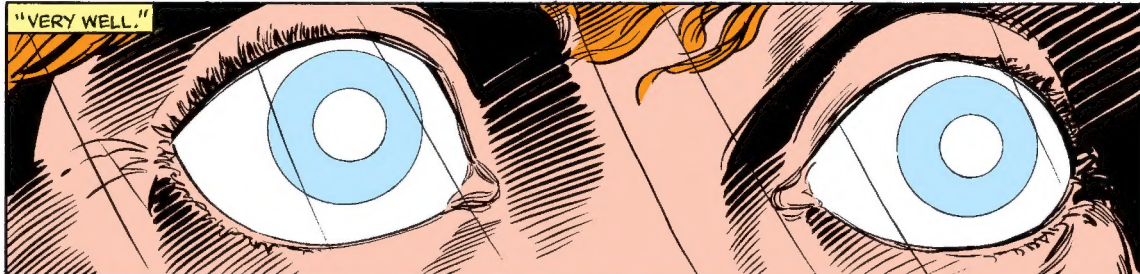
NO. TAKE IT BACK.



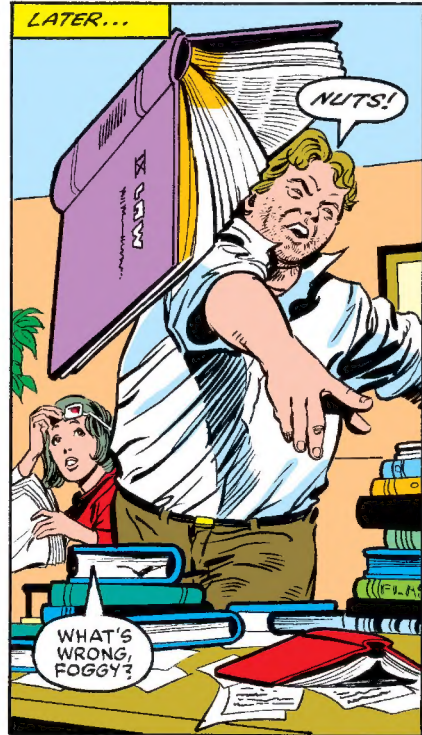
WHY SHOULD YOU SUFFER SUCH INCOMPLETE-NESS? THE RESTORATION OF YOUR SIGHT WAS AN ACT OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO ME. KEEP IT.

CONSIDER IT FAIR PAYMENT. IF YOU MUST, FOR THE INSIGHT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME INTO A STRANGE FACET OF HUMAN NATURE.

TAKE IT BACK, OR I'LL SUE.



"VERY WELL."



LATER...

NUTS!

WHAT'S WRONG, FOGGY?



